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APR 22 2009

Art Becker
SGS North America Inc.
Environmental Drilling Division
PO Box 423
West Creek, NJ 08092

RE: Diamond Head Oil Superfund Site
1401 Harrison Avenue,
Kearny, Hudson County, New Jersey
CERCLIS ID: NJD09222600

Dear Mr. Becker:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the lead agency for performing an Operational Unit No. 2 (OU2) Remedial Investigation at the above referenced site under the authority of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

As described in the Work Plan: Operable Unit No. 2 (OU2) Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study (RI/FS) for Diamond Head Oil Superfund Site (February 24, 2009), nine groundwater monitoring wells and thirteen soil borings will be installed to evaluate subsurface conditions in support of this investigation at properties surrounding the original Diamond Head Oil property. The technical requirements and design for these points consists of installing them to a total depth of twenty feet below grade. The monitoring wells will be advanced by drilling with a hollow stem auger machine and the borings will be advanced by continuous coring using a direct push technology machine. The borings will be abandoned upon completion and the monitoring wells will be utilized throughout the ongoing RI/FS activities and abandoned upon completion of the site evaluation.

I was informed that SGS North America, Inc. - Environmental Drilling Division was subcontracted to install these monitoring wells and borings as described above. I understand that you are concerned that this workplan requires installation of monitoring wells on properties owned by parties other than the Diamond Head Oil property and that property owner signatures are required on New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's Monitoring Well Permits. EPA has obtained property access agreements granting access for EPA and its representatives to specifically install monitoring wells and perform other relevant activities. As a subcontractor of EPA you are authorized to complete the signature of property owner section of the monitoring well permits. EPA, as the lead agency for this

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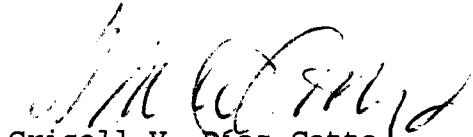
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site, has briefed the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) about this workplan and has the authority to proceed with it as written. EPA has the ultimate responsibility for the installation and use of the wells to meet our investigation objectives.

Should you have further questions or concerns, please contact me at 212-637-4430.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Grisell V. Díaz-Cotto", is written over the typed name.

Grisell V. Díaz-Cotto
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Central New Jersey Remediation Section

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